

19th April 2024

Year 5 Newsletter

Dear Parents

Welcome back! I hope everyone had a lovely Easter break. This week in maths, we began a new block of work about decimals. To begin with, the children added and subtracted decimals within one, then moved on to 'complements to 1', in other words, pairs of numbers which make 1, such as $0.45 + 0.55$ or $0.367 + 0.633$. Lots of children found this surprisingly difficult, so it would be a great thing to practise at home. Finally, we added decimals with totals more than 1. In English, we completed our work on 'A Midsummer Night's Dream.' The children wrote fantastic descriptions of a magical wood setting. They then planned and independently wrote a story called 'Bottom's Dream.' I am using this piece of work to accurately assess the children's current level in writing.

Our science topic for this term is 'Living things and their Habitats.' We began by finding out about sexual and asexual reproduction in plants and we learnt about the different parts of a flower. We had a good gymnastics PE lesson and some fabulous games of quick-fire cricket. Finally, we will be learning about Islam in RE for the rest of this year, so we began by finding out about important beliefs for Muslims.

Teachers of the Week

In the last week of last term, Fin gave a great presentation about Minecraft and everyone enjoyed his quiz.





This week, Zane gave an extremely popular talk about chocolate. His PowerPoint was interesting and he asked questions to engage the audience. Everyone could answer his quiz questions and we enjoyed his word search. Finally, his success was guaranteed when he gave everyone a bar of chocolate!

Geography Day at The Malling School - Wednesday 1st May 2024

Thank you so much for returning your child's permission slip and lunch choice so promptly. Unfortunately, when I emailed our lunch numbers, Mr Ryder, the geography teacher, realised the menu has changed! I have asked the children whether they would like roast beef meatballs or roast veggie meatballs, with mash, peas and gravy. If they did not like the sound of either of these options, they chose to bring their own packed lunch. Please ask your child what they chose, so that you know whether or not a packed lunch will be needed that day.

Dates for your diaries!

- PGL Information Meeting for Parents: Wednesday 24th April at 7:00pm*
- Woodland Learning : Wednesday 24th April and Thursday 16th May*
- Geography Day at The Malling School: Wednesday 1st May*
- In science next week on Thursday 25th April, we will be 'exploding' flowers to identify the different parts. If your child suffers from hay fever, please ensure medication is taken that day. If you'd like to send in something like Piriton that day just in case, it is fine to do so, as long as you write a quick note giving me permission to give it to your child. I will keep the medication in my cupboard during the day.*

Home Learning

I have given the children a maths sheet to practise complements to 1, which should be completed by next Thursday. Feel free to help your child if needed, preferably by using a number line method, as shown on the sheet. The children also have a new set of spellings to learn for next Friday.

Best wishes,

Louise Grinstead